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**Subject:** RE: media inquiry

Rich,  
Copy all – thank you for the feedback!  
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Thanks Jacqui-- understand the desire to frame the positive-- but I'm not sure we want to point Susan to a specific organization at this point on this one? Chris and Nikia may have perspective on this.

I think our primary communication objective is to avoid a "no comment" and instead be clear and dispositive that EPA is not the party that will be making specific decisions about end land use. In this case, I don't think doing so makes us look bad or that we are shirking some responsibility.

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Sorry for my late response. I've been in back-to-back meetings.  
What about we avoid responding in the negative to what the EPA won't do, but rather focus on what we do and defer the necessary actions to the cognizant agency?

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Yeah, much better, I'll let Nikia weigh in on that. Thanks.

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It sounds evasive to me. Can we say something like: "EPA is not responsible for determinations about how the area will be specifically restored or reused. We understand those discussions are ongoing/pending."

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After talking with BSB, we determined that we should not comment on this as end land use is a ways out and not our project.

So would respond,

At this time EPA does not have a comment on the end land use or restoration efforts in the area behind Butte Civic Center.

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Hi all,

I'm doing a story on NRD funds and an update on the Parrot removal. No one has ever said publicly what will happen to the area behind the Butte Civic Center the NRD is currently digging up. Does EPA want to comment on how that stretch will be restored after the state's remedy is complete?

Deadline Friday.

Thanks,  
Susan

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